



June 30, 2011

*Date: June 23, 2011*  
*Time: 10:00 PM*  
*Location: DelDOT Conference Room*  
*RE: Construction Advisory Group*  
*Meeting #26 Minutes*

**ATTENDEES:**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FIRST</u></b>	<b><u>LAST</u></b>	<b><u>ASSOCIATION</u></b>
Mr.	Larry	Agsten	Homeowner
Ms.	D.	Bordley	Sen. Carper's Office
Ms.	Nancy	Fanning	Homeowner
Mr.	Lawrence	Folly	Homeowner
Mr.	Mel	Fortney	Homeowner
Ms.	Karen	McGrath	Sen. Carper's Office
Mr.	Luke	Powell	Bethany Beach Vol. Fire Co.
Mr.	Frank	Ray	Homeowner
Ms.	Carrie	Subity	Bethany/Fenwick Chamber
Mr.	Scott	Thomas	Southern Delaware Tourism

**PROJECT TEAM:**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FIRST</u></b>	<b><u>LAST</u></b>	<b><u>ASSOCIATION</u></b>
Mr.	Andrew	Bing	Kramer & Associates
Mr.	Mike	Delp	George & Lynch
Mr.	Gene	Donaldson	DelDOT
Mr.	David	Geiszler	DelDOT
Mr.	Britt	Murray	DNREC
Mr.	Gerald	Nagyiski	DelDOT
Mr.	Marx	Possible	DelDOT
Mr.	Steve	Revitsky	Skanska
Mr.	Doug	Robb	DelDOT Project Manager
Ms.	Tina	Shockley	DelDOT
Mr.	Craig	Stevens	DelDOT
Mr.	Chris	Sylvester	DelDOT

**WELCOME:** Andrew Bing started the 26th meeting of the Construction Advisory Group (CAG) at 10:00 AM by welcoming the attendees. Andrew asked each attendee to introduce themselves to the group.

## IRIB CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY GROUP

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Andrew reminded all attendees to sign in and stated that there were copies of the agenda and minutes from the May CAG meeting at the front of the room. Andrew informed the attendees that the minutes from the May CAG meeting were also on the IRIB website.

Andrew updated the CAG attendees on the status of site tours. Andrew stated that school site tours had wrapped up but that DelDOT and Skanska had scheduled several site tours for the public throughout the summer. The dates for these public site tours, which are limited to a maximum of 30 people, will be

- June 24
- July 13
- July 29
- August 10
- August 17
- August 26

If anyone is interested, they should contact Tina Shockley with DelDOT or go to the Indian River Inlet Bridge website for more information.

Question – Will there be a site tour for the CAG soon.

Response – Yes, we plan on taking the CAG on a site tour but we are not sure when that will take place.

### **BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

Steve Revitsky, field engineer for Skanska, provided the update on the bridge construction.

- The northside transition pier/ballast area was finished three weeks ago and the southside transition pier/ballast area was completed last week. This is a big milestone to have completed. The ballast area serves as a counterweight to the structure over the inlet.
- Steve stated that progress has been made on the barrier walls along the bridge deck. These barrier walls will start to provide shape to the bridge and should be completed by next week.
- The last foundation concrete pour (on the southside) will take place in the next few weeks.
- The temporary cable stay which is being used to help support the form traveller will continue to be in use until the bridge is completed.
- The form traveller cycle started at 21 days but now the team is able to complete a bridge section in approximately 14 days, subject to weather conditions.
- It is expected that in mid-August the northside form traveller will be lowered onto a barge and removed from the site.
- The southside form traveller will then complete the last sections before the joining of the north and south sides of the bridge.

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- The schedule still calls for the new bridge to be open to traffic by the end of the year. When the new bridge does open to traffic, it will only have two lanes of traffic open to the public while the roadway project completes its work. It will still take several months to complete the necessary roadway work before all four lanes will be open.
- The pedestrian walkway will be complete by the end of the year but will not be open to the public until demolition on the old bridge is completed and access to the new bridge is created.

Question – What is the main weather concern?

Response – wind is the main concern with poor weather.

Question – Does OSHA have a role in safety decisions?

Response – OSHA mandates certain specifications that crane operators must adhere to.

Doug Robb added that there are some wind restrictions when the form traveller is lowered, moved and re-launched.

Roadway Improvement and Demolition Contract

Doug Robb updated the CAG attendees on the status of the roadway work.

- Phase 2 of the roadway work is underway and will remain in phase 2 until the end of the year.
- Phase 2 consists of one lane in each direction, detours will be in effect, and pedestrians and bicyclists will continue to be accommodated.
- The primary work during phase 2 will consist of embankment construction and SR-1 southbound roadway tie-ins.
- Based on recommendations from the CAG at the May meeting, some improvements have taken place including changing from a stop condition to a merge as you leave Turnpoint Road and enter SR-1 southbound. The general consensus from the CAG is that this improvement is working well.
- Drainage improvements continue on the southside of the bridge.

Question – During an emergency, can EMS gain access to Turnpoint Road while heading north to towards the bridge?

Response – Yes, the expectation is that during an emergency they will cut across SR-1 to gain access to Turnpoint Road.

Doug stated that the schedule calls for traffic to be on the new bridge by the end of the year. During early 2012, road improvements will continue and demolition will begin on the old bridge. There will be four lanes on the new bridge open to traffic sometime during summer, 2012. The demolition and the new roadway will be complete by spring, 2013.

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Gene Donaldson, who works within DelDOT's traffic area, provided a brief update on traffic monitoring efforts in the area of the bridge. Gene is responsible for:

- Managing the Traffic Management Program
- Overseeing the TMC (Traffic Management Center)
- The Intelligent Transportation System
- Emergency management
- Evacuations
- Homeland security

Gene stated that his team can manage every traffic signal in Sussex County from the TMC north of Dover. Gene also discussed various tools available to the public including interactive maps which you can access on [www.deldot.gov](http://www.deldot.gov) or via your smartphone. Gene also stated that he hopes to have an app available soon on Twitter and Facebook.

**MEETING SCHEDULING/WRAP UP:** Andrew thanked everyone for their attendance and informed the group that the next Construction Advisory Group meeting will take place on Thursday, July 28 at 10:00 AM in the DelDOT Conference Room.